

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 00-02-14**

Date Prepared: February 10, 2000  
For Work Week Commencing: February 14, 2000  
Business Meeting: February 14, 2000, 10:00 a.m.

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**Work Sessions** All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. D2000.1.12 – MDU - MDU request for waiver from Pipeline Safety Regulations – Discussion/Action (2/15/00)
2. D99.12.277, D96.11.200 – Deaveraging Dockets – To act on request for extension of procedural schedule, if filed (2/15/00)
3. D99.8.200 – USW/Quest – USW/Quest Merger – to approve pro hac vice applications (2/15/00)
4. D99.11.252, D2000.1.3 – McLeodUSA and TW Wireless – Interconnection Agreements – Action on the two Agreements (2/15/00)
5. D2000.2.20 – USWC – US West's request re: Sec. 271 filing – Discuss US West letter and response (2/15/00)
6. D2000.2.19 – Avista Corp – Avista request for temporary suspension of duty under 251(b) – To consider Avista's petition under 251(b)(2) of 96 Act (2/15/00)

7. USWC Permanent Price Docket – Placeholder to discuss options (2/15/00)
8. L-99.6.7-RUL – PSC fee rules – Discussion and action on possible pre-notice amendments (2/15/00)

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting.

**Action Items** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

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1. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., Docket No. N2000.2.21 (Dave)

On February 8, 2000, US West Communications, Inc., filed Tariff Transmittal 00-04, "Competitive Response Tariff". There are no changes in the WinBack program that is on file as a promotional offering, other than the request that the promotional offer be changed to a permanent offering. US West has requested that this become permanent because the need for this flexibility to allow customers a range of choices is not a short term issue.

2. Central Montana Communication, Inc N2000.2.17 (Scott)

On February 3, 2000, Central Montana Communication filed a modification to section 19 of its tariff pages. Based on the need to provide residential subscribers with a means to control their toll charges and the ability to add a customized toll restriction at no charge is being proposed. Central Montana Communication in accordance with §69-3-910, MCA, is requesting a waiver of the 60 days notice requirement of §69-3-903, MCA.

3. CENTURYTEL SERVICE GROUP Docket N2000.2.16 (LEROY)

On February 1, 2000, CenturyTel filed Transmittal No. 2000-01 to revise the Digital Switched Service Schedule. Due to the increasing demand for Transport Loops in excess of three miles, CenturyTel is adding a DSS Transport Loop rate. In addition, PBX specific references have been removed.

**Information Items** All items identified below are for information only.

**Tentative Action Items for Agenda 00-02-21**

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

N2000.2.17 – Central Montana Communications – Tariff to decrease rate on calling restrictions

D2000.2.18 – Shelby Gas Association – Application for increase of natural gas rates

D2000.2.19 – Avista Corp – Petition for temporary local number portability relief

D2000.2.20 – USWC – Request to discuss procedures for Section 271 filing

N2000.2.21 – USWC – Tariff 00-04 Competitive Response Tariff